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SUBJECT: SPAIN AND THE INTEGOVERNMENTAL COMMITEE FOR EUROPEAN
MIGRATION (ICEM)

REF: STATE 192241, MADRID 6149

1. AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE AMBASSADOR'S CONVERSATION WITH UNDER SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SOLANO REPORTED IN MADRID 6149, I RAISED THE MATTER OF ICEM WITH UNDER SECRETARY OF LABOR JERONIMO AROZAMENA TODAY DURING A COURTESY CALL, DRAWING FROM STATE 192241. AROZAMENA LISTENED ATTENTIVELY BUT SAID THAT HE WAS NOT PERSONALLY FAMILIAR WITH THE MATTER IN DETAIL SINCE IT HAD BEEN HANDLED, INSOFAR AS THE MINISTRY OF LABOR'S INTEREST WAS CONCERNED, DIRECTLY BETWEEN THE DIRCTOR OF THE SPANISH EMIGRATION INSTITUTE AND THE MINISTER OF LABOR. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT HE WOULD TAKE NOTE OF MY COMMENTS AND DISCUSS THE MATTER BOTH WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE EMIGRATION INSITITUTE AND THE MINISTER. CONFIDENTIAL

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2. I TOLD AROZAMENA THAT OF COURSE SPAIN'S DECISION IN THIS MATTER WAS ITS OWN TO MAKE BUT THAT I GATHERED THAT A FACTOR IN THAT DECISION WAS THE BELIEF THAT THE BENEFITS THAT SPAIN RECEIVED FROM ICEM WERE NOT COMMENSURATE WITH ITS EXPENDITURES ON ICEM. IN THIS REGARD, THE INFORMATION THAT I HAD INDICATED THAT THE COST-BENEFIT RATIO MIGHT WELL BE

CONSIDERABLY MORE FAVORABLE THAN THE GOS ASSUMED. THEREFORE HIS MINISTRY MIGHT WISH TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT THE MATTER.

3. THE EMBASSY LATER THE SAME DAY LEARNED THAT LABOR MINISTER JIMENEZ DE PARGA, WHEN APPRISED BY AROZAMENA OF THE ICEM ISSUE. INDICATED THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN CONSULTED ON THE MATTER. AROZAMENA WAS CHARGED WITH FOLLOWING UP WITH THE SPANISH EMIGRATION INSTITUTE (WHICH FALLS UNDER THE MINISTER OF LABOR), AT WHICH POINT THE LABOR MINISTER WOULD PRESUMABLY EXPRESS HIS VIEW POINT. WE ALSO LEARNED THAT THE FRG EMBASSY BUT COINCIDENCE RAISED THE ICEM ISSUE ON SEPTEMBER 9 WITH LABOR MINISTER, WITH A VIEW TO URGING SPANISH RECONDISERATION OF ITS INTENT TO WITHDRAW. THE FRG EMBASSY HAS BEEN IN CONSULATATION WITH US, AND THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR HAS ALSO WRITTEN A LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTER. OREJA ON THE SUBJECT.EATON

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